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**Re: Non-Concurrence with IPRA Penalty, CR [REDACTED]
Police Officer Brian Doyle, #5572**

Dear Chief Administrator Ando,

In reviewing the above mentioned CR, the Department does not concur with the recommended penalty of a 45 day suspension for various transgressions which occurred while the accused was on a boat in Lake Michigan. These transgressions included firing a Department-issued pistol into the water and allowing other patrons on the boat to fire his Department-issued pistol.

Pursuant to ordinance # 2-57-060(b), the Superintendent provides comment on the following when there is a disagreement as to the penalty.

(i) Officer's Work History

The accused officer has a good complimentary history including 36 Honorable Mentions, 2 Department Commendations and 5 Complimentary Letters. The accused officer has no disciplinary history.

(ii) Superintendent's Professional Opinion

Improper use or display of a member's firearm should never be tolerated. However, when assessing a penalty the totality of the circumstances should be considered.

(iii) Lawsuits

A review indicated that there was no civil suit filed against the accused Officer.

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(iv) Evidentiary Concerns

The Department does not condone the poor judgment displayed by the accused when he allowed his Department issued weapon to be used inappropriately. However, a reduced penalty of a 30 day suspension combined with re-assignment from the Special Weapons and Tactics is a more appropriate penalty.

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